



PATENT

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In RE application of M. AOKI et al

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Examiner: J.A. Richardson

For: METHOD OF HANDLING A STRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT OF HANDLING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

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+ 280	\$ 0
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- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

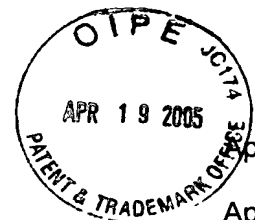
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition and fee for a two-month Extension of Time also accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.